GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Bureau of Sanitary Engineering to control over Water Supply.

READ—

Paragraph 8 of the Government Order No. G. 7367-87—Sany. 31-29-9, dated the 18th December 1929, sanctioning a provisional budget for the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering and reserving for consideration the question of the staff to be transferred from the Public Works Department to the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

2. Government Order No. G. 14053-108—Sany. 31-29-29, dated the 31st May 1930, dealing with the duties of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, staff and budget to be transferred from the Public Works Department, and new staff and budget of the Bureau for 1930-31 and subsequent years.

3. Government Order No. G. 879-87—4787-95, dated 27th September 1930, authorising transfer of establishment and budget of the Sanitary and Town Planning Division from the Public Works Department to the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

4. Note received from Dr. W. C. Sweet about the transfer of the water supply works and projects to the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

ORDER No. G. 7496-519—P. H. 69-31-5, DATED 19TH MARCH 1932.

In accordance with Government Order No. G. 14053-108—Sany. 31-29-29, dated 31st May 1930 read above, the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering has been functioning mainly as an advisory agency for preparing plans and projects for water supply, town planning, etc., leaving the actual execution of sanitary works to the Public Works Department or local bodies as the case may be.

2. The Rockefeller Foundation Sanitary Engineer has more than once brought to the notice of Government that there is much overlapping at present in the execution of water supply works by the different departments without any consultation amongst one another and he has urged the desirability of transferring the entire control over the works with the provision therefor to the Bureau.

3. On a careful consideration of the matter, Government have come to the conclusion that the entire control over water supply may be vested in the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering except the Bangalore Water Supply which has for some time to remain under the Chief Engineer. They are accordingly pleased to direct that:—

(1) All executive control over the staff mentioned in the 3rd column of the statement appended hereto together with the budget of the Water Supply Division relating to this staff be transferred forthwith from the Public Works Department to the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

(2) The Well-Boring Section may continue to be attached to the Industries and Commerce Department. The work of putting down bore-holes for drinking water supply should be done by the well-boring staff in strict accordance with the instructions issued by the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering with whom all initiative in the matter will lie. The Industries and Commerce Department shall have no relations in regard to such works with any authorities other than the Bureau of the Sanitary Engineering.

(3) The provision for water supply works during the rest of the current year will continue to be in the Public Works Department but will be operated upon by the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering. During the next year all grants for Public Improvements under the following heads will be operated upon under the orders of the Sanitary Engineer:—

(1) Improvement of water supply in towns.
(2) Improvement of towns and minor Municipalities.
(3) Rural reconstruction.
(4) Drinking water wells in villages.

The Bangalore Water Supply will, for the present, continue under the Public Works Department.

(4) The Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, will continue to exercise all the powers that he has now as Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department.

(5) The Officers and the establishment to be transferred to the Sanitary Bureau will be continued to be borne on the Public Works Department lists as at present but their services will be treated as seconded as long as they are under the control of Sanitary Bureau.

(6) The existing rules in the Public Works Department governing the procedure for carrying out works should be followed.

(7) All proposals for water supply costing Rs. 30,000 and above should be subject to the scrutiny and approval of the Central Health Committee, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules issued with Government Order No. 748-816—P. H. 87-30-2, dated 24—27th July 1931.

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